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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Advisory Action dated September 29, 2006. The Advisory Action indicated that the previous amendment made via the reply filed September 20, 2006 will be entered. This response is being filed as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-63 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 15, 16, 20 and 51-56 have been canceled herein without prejudice and claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 19, 21, 22, 60 and 62 have been amended as set forth above. The amendments are fully supported in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 17 and 18 were indicated as being drawn to allowable subject matter and as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 17 to be in independent form so that claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance. Applicants have also amended dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 to depend from allowable and now independent claim 17, such that claims 2-12 are also in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-12, 15, 16, 19-32, 34, 51-56 and 60-62 were indicated as being rejected in view of prior art of record and art found in a further search. Without acquiescing to the rejections in any manner, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 15, 16, 20 and 51-56 herein without prejudice and have amended independent claim 19 as set forth above.

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Applicants respectfully submit that none of the art cited of record, either alone or in combination with one another, discloses, suggests or renders obvious the roller conveyor of the present invention, particularly as set forth in independent claim 19 and in the claims depending therefrom, for at least all of the reasons set forth in the previous response. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 21-32 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any concerns with independent claim 19 as amended above, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss this matter further.

Claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-63 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-63 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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